

Neighborhood Grants Program Outline & Guidelines 2018-2019

Clark County

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"Taking the time to build community, to get to know your people will have longlasting benefits."

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Purpose

The Neighborhood Grants Program (Program) is designed to assist neighborhood organizations in strengthening the social network of their community while dealing creatively with important concerns. Grants are intended to spur small, grassroots community efforts.

The Program supports partnerships between Clark County and neighborhood organizations to produce neighborhood initiated improvement projects, community organizing initiatives, and community building programs. Through a competitive process, qualified neighborhood organizations are awarded funds for specific projects to benefit one or more neighborhoods in Clark County.

Goals

- Improve the aesthetics, infrastructure, and social capital of neighborhoods to improve the welfare of people and their communities
- Stimulate resident-driven solutions and demonstration projects
- Increase communication among neighbors
- Provide support and opportunities to develop leadership and organizational capacity
- Provide resources to assist with community-driven events

Important Dates

- Application Period: July 1, 2018- May 1, 2019 at 5:00 pm.
 - O Applications are reviewed following receipt. Applicants will be notified of the status of their application following a review process. Please allow for a minimum of 30 calendar days between the time of your submission and the date planned for your event. This will ensure that there is enough time for your application to be reviewed.
 - o *Please Note:* No grant applications will be accepted between May 1 and June 30, 2019. If you would like to apply for a grant for a project that will occur between May 1 and June 30, 2019, please apply before the deadline.
- Deadline to Complete Projects: June 30, 2019.

Available Funding

For Fiscal Year 2019, each project application is eligible to receive up to \$500.

Neighborhood Grants

The Neighborhood Grants Program was created to incentivize members of neighborhoods to work together and organize a small, low-cost project or event. The goal is to bring neighbors together to make their neighborhoods better places to live by drawing on the assets and interests of the members of the neighborhood. All segments (e.g. seniors, renters, young people, and minorities) of the community/neighborhood population are eligible to apply.

To support a range of project types and sizes, the number of grants awarded will depend on the total number of applications we receive and available funding.

Funding Information

As you consider applying for a Neighborhood Grant, there are some special considerations about public funding that are helpful to understanding the planning of your budget and timeline.

The funds for a Neighborhood Grant will be dispersed in the form of Open Purchase Orders with vendors throughout Clark County. If successful, applicants will be asked to contact their County liaison to schedule a time to meet to purchase all materials needed for the project.

For example, if you plan to organize a community clean-up and request funds to supply garbage bags, gloves, trash cans, and cleaning products, you will contact County liaison to meet you at the appropriate supplier of the items. The County liaison will assist you with payment at the check-out. The list of authorized vendors is provided below to help you determine the preliminary costs for the Neighborhood Grant application.

Authorized Vendors:

- Republic Services (dumpster rentals)
- Smart and Final (food and kitchen supplies)
- Smiths (food)
- Kinkos/FedEx (copying and mailing)
- Logo Apparel (T-shirts)
- Star Nursery (plants and landscaping)
- Party Time Rental (party rentals)

Remember that you will not be reimbursed if you make any purchases directly to the vendors!

Possible Project Ideas:

- Small gardening projects
- Community awareness training program
- Neighborhood event (e.g. Clean-up, Holiday event)
- Neighborhood block party
- Festival, parade, or picnic

Remember to be creative and involve your neighbors!

Who Can Apply?

- Ad-hoc groups of citizens who form a committee solely for the purpose of a specific project
- Community based organizations
- Faith –based organizations as long as projects are community –based, non-religious in nature, and target the entire neighborhood population
- Established Neighborhood Pride Zones
- Neighborhood organizations of residents and non-profit organizations designed to serve a targeted area

Project Requirements:

- Proposed Projects must occur in unincorporated Clark County.
 - You can find out if your property is located in unincorporated Clark County by using one of the options listed below:
 - Visit <u>OpenWeb Info Mapper¹</u>
 - Stop at the Current Planning Division located in the <u>Clark County Government</u> <u>Center</u>, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas
 - Call the Current Planning Division at (702) 455-4314
- Membership in your organization must be open to all residents of the neighborhood.
- Neighborhood residents must be involved in the identification, planning, and execution of the
 proposed project. You must be able to document how you involved neighborhood residents. You
 will be required to fill out the Resident Commitment Form to indicate the number of residents
 who plan to participate. The Resident Commitment Form requires neighborhood residents to
 provide their names, addresses, and signatures. It must be submitted with the application.
 - Please note: Your County liaison will verify all addresses provided on the Resident Commitment Form.
- If the organization will do a project in conjunction with another organization, you must submit
 an agreement letter between your organization and another organization detailing the roles that
 each organization will play. Additionally, please note any financial contributions from the other
 organization for this proposed project.

¹ The OpenWeb Info Mapper works best in Internet Explorer.

- Grant recipients must be available or designate a coordinator who can meet with Clark County staff during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm).
- Grant funds can only be used for completion of a specific proposed project outlined in the application.
- Grant recipients will be required to submit a Statement of Completion including photos regarding the completed project. The Statement of Completion will be due no later than 30 calendar days after the project is completed.
- All original receipts must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days after the project is completed.
- Grant recipients cannot apply for another Neighborhood Grant until the previous project is completed and all requirements have been met.

Clark County Will Not Fund:

- Applicants who have not successfully carried out projects previously
- Applicants who reside within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Las Vegas, the City of North Las Vegas, the City of Henderson, the City of Mesquite, and Boulder City
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- Enhancements that are not visible to the general public
- Fireworks including the "safe and sane" fireworks
- Events in gated neighborhoods unless the event will actively include people from outside the gates. (You must be able to demonstrate how this will occur in your application.)
- Individuals or individual businesses or events held at individual homes or business locations
- Neighborhood watch programs or signs that are purchased from a vendor other than the one designated by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.
- Ongoing services or operating budgets
- Political or other lobbying events
- A project or aspect of a project that conflicts with any rule or regulation of the Clark County Code of Ordinances, the Southern Nevada Health District, or Nevada State Law.
- Projects that are not community-based
- Regional organizations
- Town Advisory Boards (TABs) and Citizens Advisory Councils (CACs)
 - The TABs and CACs cannot solely apply for a Neighborhood Grant. However, members can be part of neighborhood organizations.
- Universities, hospitals, other government agencies, and media outlets

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How Will Decisions Be Made?

In considering whether to approve a grant, the County may consider appropriate criteria, such as:

- The extent of the benefit to the residents of unincorporated Clark County;
- Whether the grant is consistent with long-term plans for the neighborhood;
- Whether other community organizations/agencies are also providing financial support for the proposed grant activity;
- Whether the proposed project fulfills a community need that is not being met;
- Whether the organization involves other people in the proposed project, and if decisions are made collectively and not by one person exclusively;
- Whether the organization's proposed project has the potential to achieve positive changes for their community;
- Whether the proposed project instills a sense of community pride; and
- Whether the appropriate funding is available.

Who is Your County Liaison?

County liaisons are assigned to work with residents within an individual commission district. Please find your County liaison name and contact information below. If you do not know your commission district, please call (702) 455-3530, or visit www.clarkcountynv.gov.

Commission District	Liaison Name	Contact Phone	Email Address
		Number	
(A)- Commissioner Sisolak	Tiffany Hesser	(702) 455-7388	tlh@ClarkCountyNV.gov
(B)- Commissioner	Janice Ridondo	(702) 455-3504	<u>JRidondo@ClarkCountyNV.gov</u>
Kirkpatrick			
(C)- Commissioner Brown	Sue Baker	(702) 455-1900	Sue.Baker@ClarkCountyNV.gov
(D)- Commissioner Weekly	Kelly Benavidez	(702) 455-7277	kdb@ClarkCountyNV.gov
(E)- Commissioner	Tamara Williams	(702) 455-0560	TGW@ClarkCountyNV.gov
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(F)- Commissioner Brager	Mike Shannon	(702) 455-8338	mds@ClarkCountyNV.gov
(G)- Commissioner Gibson	Blanca Vazquez	(702) 455-8531	bva@ClarkCountyNV.gov

For residents living in Goodsprings, Indian Springs, Mt. Charleston, Mountain Springs, Red Rock, or Sandy Valley, you can contact the Rural Towns Liaison, Meggan Holzer. Her contact phone number is (702) 455-0341, and her email is MEGGAN@ClarkCountyNV.gov.

For residents residing in Laughlin or Searchlight, you can contact the Laughlin Town Manager, Brian Paulson. His contact phone number is (702) 229-0828, and his email is bkp@ClarkCountyNV.gov.